

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, October 20, 1998
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Ocotillo Conference Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Patrick McDermott, Chandler, Chairman	*Steve Hancock, Mesa
Mark Mansfield, ADOT	Tracy Stevens, Peoria
*Christopher Miller, Gilbert	*John Siefert, Phoenix
*Susan Bookspan, Glendale	Maureen Mageau-DeCindis, RPTA
*Larry Martinez, Goodyear	Amy MacAulay, Scottsdale
*Mike Cartsonis, Litchfield Park	Eric Iwersen, Tempe
Aaron Iverson, Maricopa County	

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

DD Barker, Citizen
Dawn Coomer, MAG

1. Call to Order

Chairman Patrick McDermott called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

2. Approval of the July 21, 1998 Meeting Minutes

Eric Iwersen moved to approve the July 21, 1998 meeting minutes, Amy MacAulay seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Call to the Audience

No members of the audience were present to address the Task Force.

4. Status Report on FYs 1998, 1999 and 2000 Federally Funded Bicycle Projects

Dawn Coomer addressed the committee, referring to the agenda attachment which indicated the status of federally funded bicycle projects. She noted that the Mesa project was expected to go to bid in May, 1999, and that the Glendale project along 59th Avenue should go to bid this month. She added that

several projects had been obligated for FY 1998, including the Scottsdale project from 77th to 64th Street. The Chandler project from Dobson Road at the Western Canal, advanced from FY 2001, had also been obligated. In addition, the Phoenix project on 19th Avenue at the Arizona Canal had also been obligated. Dawn requested submission of any corrections or updates.

5. Process for the Development of the FY 2000-2004 MAG TIP

This agenda item was combined with item 6. Dawn Coomer began by updating the Task Force on current public involvement activities. She mentioned that focus groups would be held in November to obtain input on transportation issues and factors to consider in selecting transportation projects. She added that other presentations were being made to land use, business and other community groups. The goal of this targeted outreach was to use previously scheduled meetings of other groups, rather than expecting participation at a meeting time or place which may not be convenient for most people. Dawn explained that this public input, along with input from MAG member agencies, would be used by the Transportation Subcommittee of the Regional Council in developing guidance on selection of transportation projects. She noted that while guidelines have yet to be determined, Task Force members should have bicycle projects ready to be submitted by the December 31, 1998 deadline. She concluded that Task Force members would be given updates as available.

Maureen Mageau-DeCindis asked how promotion projects would be considered in the update. Dawn responded that guidance had not yet been developed, but that CMAQ funds could be used for bicycle education and promotion. The committee requested that the project submittal form be placed on the Web-site to make facilitate completion of the form.

6. Targeted Public Outreach for Input on Transportation Funding Priorities

See item five above.

7. Bicycle Plan Update

Dawn Coomer addressed the committee to provide background on this item. She asked for comments and suggestions on Working Paper Three, Update of Plan Maps. She referred to the last section of the working paper, Recommended Action Plan, and asked if this section needed any changes. Eric Iwersen submitted some written comments. Amy MacAulay asked the committee about the completion of Route 47, noting that Pima Road was being eliminated between Shea and Bell Road. The committee discussed this issue, and determined that the sidewalk as currently exists would be sufficient for the regional route.

Pat McDermott asked how the numbering system for the regional routes was established. Maureen provided some background, and explained that the numbering system shows how routes connect across jurisdictions. The committee generally agreed that Figure 1-5, Off-Road System should differentiate between paved and unpaved paths. Eric Iwersen suggested that rail corridors be added as possible off-road bikeways. Dawn asked if portions of regional routes listed in the last section of the working paper would be implemented. Eric suggested that each jurisdiction examine this section of the working paper

and recommend a substitute if their portion of the regional route was not likely to be implemented. The committee requested that staff send a memo to request this information.

Amy mentioned that Shea Boulevard east of Pima does not have bike lanes, but wide curb lanes. She noted that there were no plans to add bike lanes in this area. Eric asked if wide outside curb lanes should be kept in the plan. He mentioned that Tempe allows this as a bicycle facility, but only if an edge stripe accompanies the wide outside curb lane. The committee continued to discuss the minimum standard of a regional bicycle route. While recognizing that edge lines do little to encourage bicycle travel among casual cyclists, edge lines may be the only facility which can be incorporated into the on-street system in some situations. The committee generally agreed that an edge line should be placed in the plan as a minimum standard.

Amy summarized the committee discussion. First, Task Force members need to review the working paper, especially the final section, and make recommendations for changes to the regional routes if needed. Second, references to edge lines should be added back to the working paper and accompanying maps. Finally, a memo should be sent to committee members to obtain this information.

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.